

# FLOWCAL by Quorum Software

Hydrocarbon Measurement Software

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# Biography

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## Jason Rigg

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Background - 16 years in the oil & gas industry  
Studied Geology, with a focus in Land Use  
Management

13 years in oil & gas measurement prior to  
joining Quorum - DCP Midstream, Black Hills,  
Marathon Petroleum

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### Outside of work

My family & I live on a small ranch in Colorado



## How do we use Energy Components

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- \$330,000,000 NASA project (\$515 million USD in 2021) to study the climate of Mars
- 669 million km (416 million mi) journey to Mars
- Program was approved in 1995 with satellite launch in 1999 (4 years of development)
- Primary objectives:
  - Determine the distribution of water on Mars
  - Monitor the daily weather and atmospheric conditions
  - Record changes on the Martian surface due to wind and other atmospheric effects
  - Determine temperature profiles of the atmosphere
  - Monitor the water vapor and dust content of the atmosphere
  - Look for evidence of past climate change





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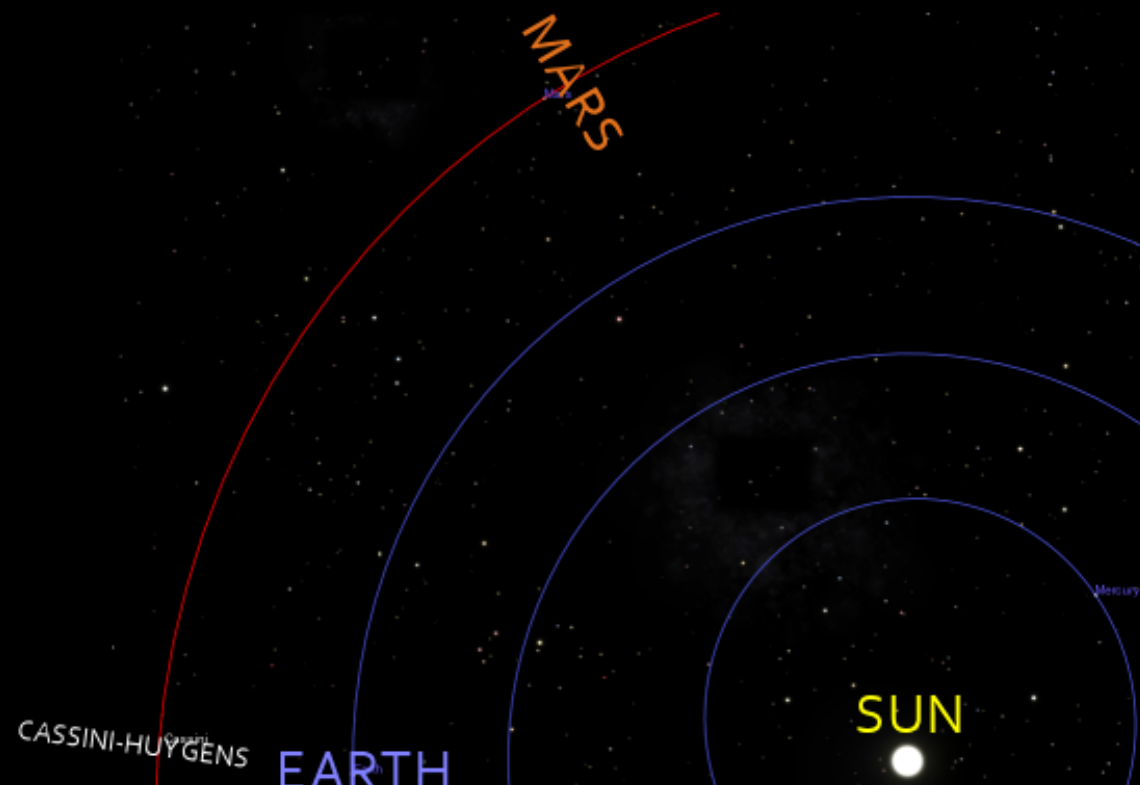
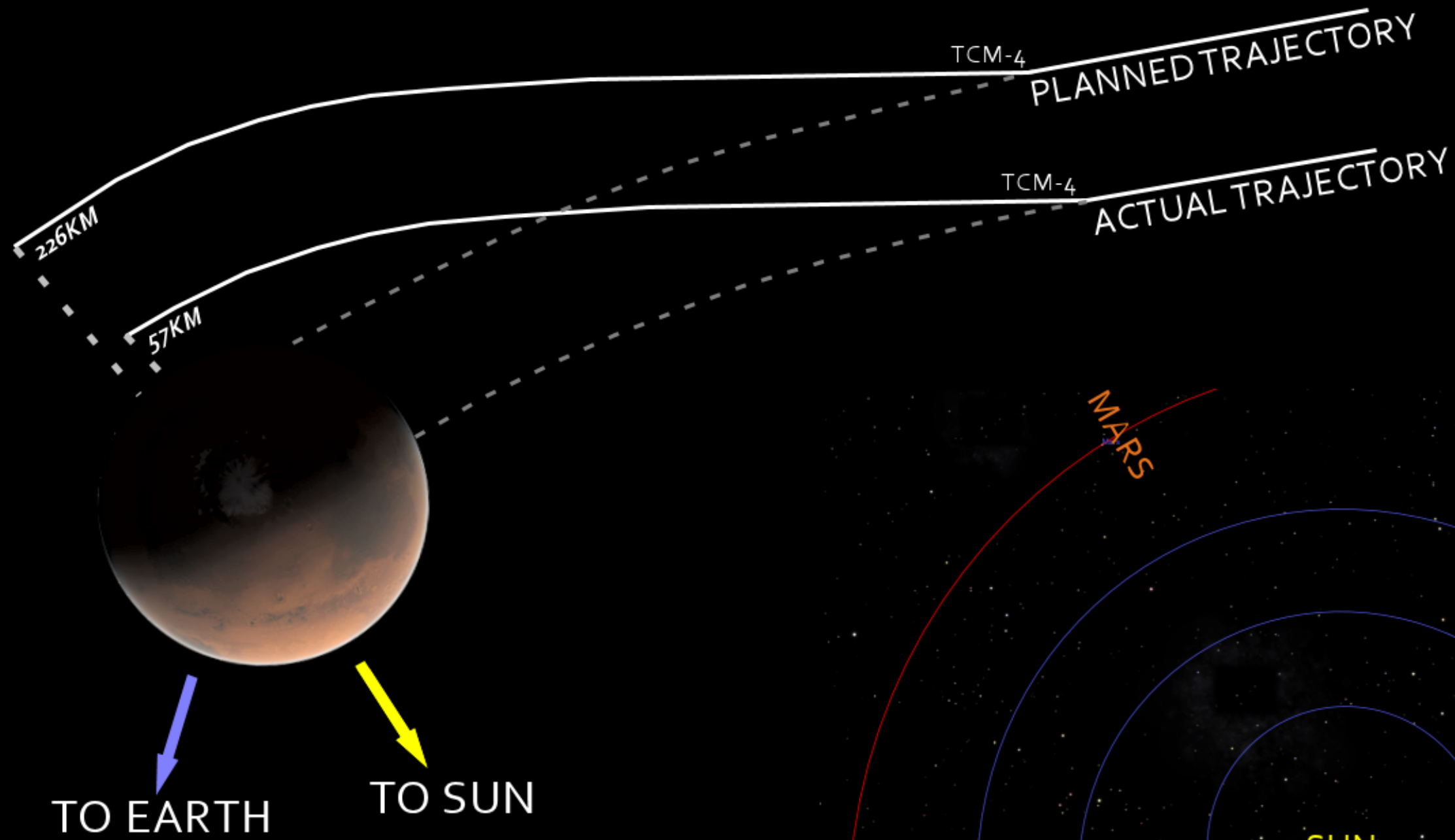
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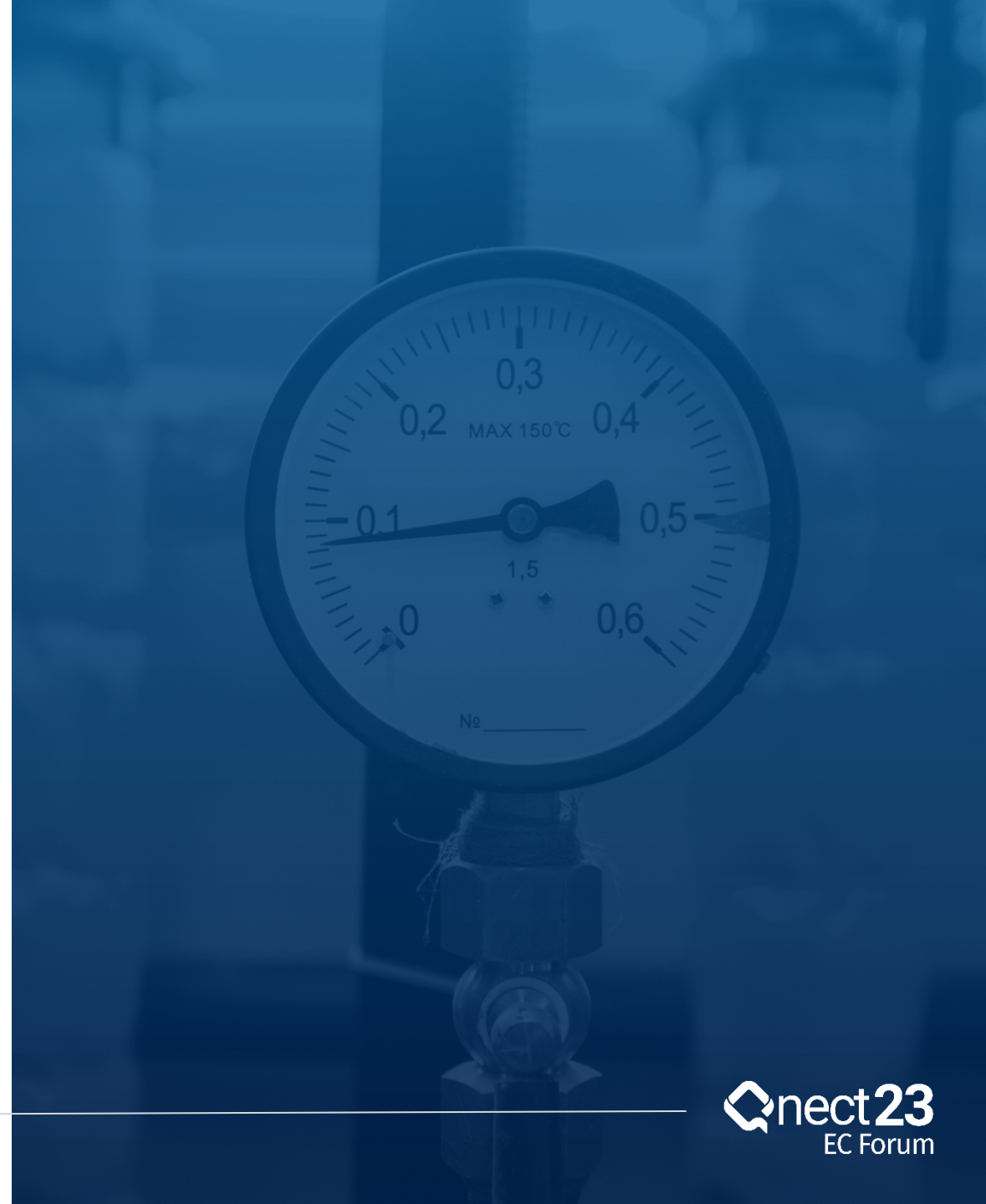
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## Topics

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- Hydrocarbon measurement overview & challenges
- The problem statement that FLOWCAL set out to solve
- General data flow
- Types of measurement supported within FLOWCAL



# Challenges with Oil & Gas Measurement





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# The Problem Statement

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- Hydrocarbon measurement is complex
- Datasets are massive
- Field measurements are performed in suboptimal conditions due to weather & atmosphere
- Instrumentation requires manual configuration and human error is prevalent
- An inherent gap between the field & office (physical gap & knowledge gap) presents risk & exposure in measurement data
- Electronics failures are a common issue

Given this set of challenges, how can we ensure that measurement is accurate prior to be used in financial & logistical transactions?

## Why does that matter?

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Measurement drives financial transactions

- A realistic 0.3% error on custody transfer liquid measurement has an impact of \$150k per oil tanker
- Incorrect application of temperature & density to the applicable correction tables can cause 3%-5% errors regularly, representing millions of dollars in revenue
- Inaccurate application of Meter Factor will have significant impact on volumetric calculations
- Using a saturated vs dry heating value causes a 1.7% error in calculation. 105,000 GJ/month = \$6,700 usd error/month
- Electronics failures regularly cause calculations errors within the flow computer causing financial errors due to incorrect measurements

Measurement is playing a key role in emissions tracking and energy transition

As Carbon Capture and Sequestration continues to grow, the industry needs processes to accurately quantify

Various governments have specific regulation & reporting requirements for measurement data

# FLOWCAL

Measurement Software to Consolidate, Validate, Correct, Balance, and Report Meter Data for Gas and Liquids

Planning,  
Economics &  
Reserves

Execution &  
Well Operations

Hydrocarbon  
Production  
Management

Land & Lease  
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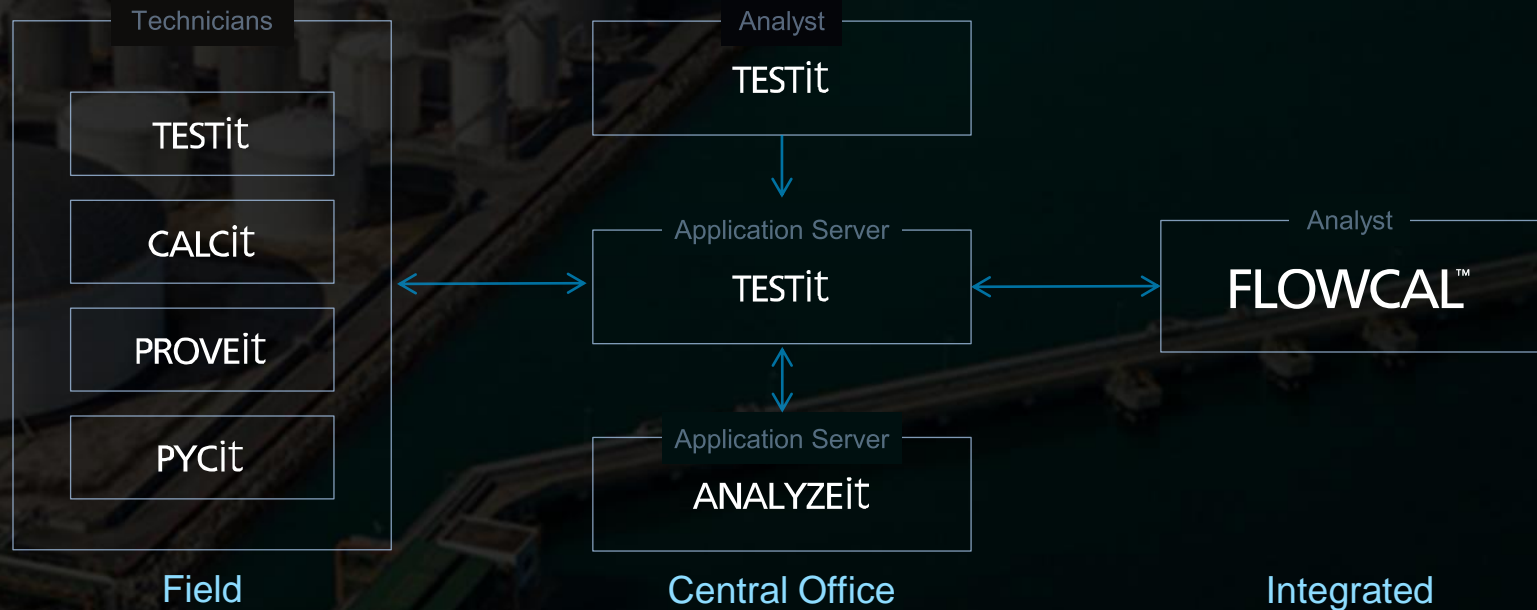
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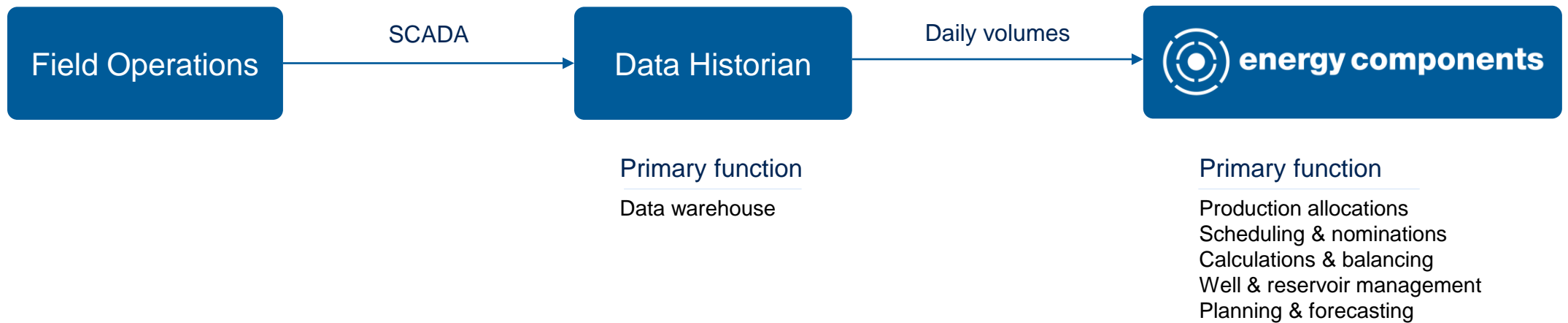
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# General Data Flow

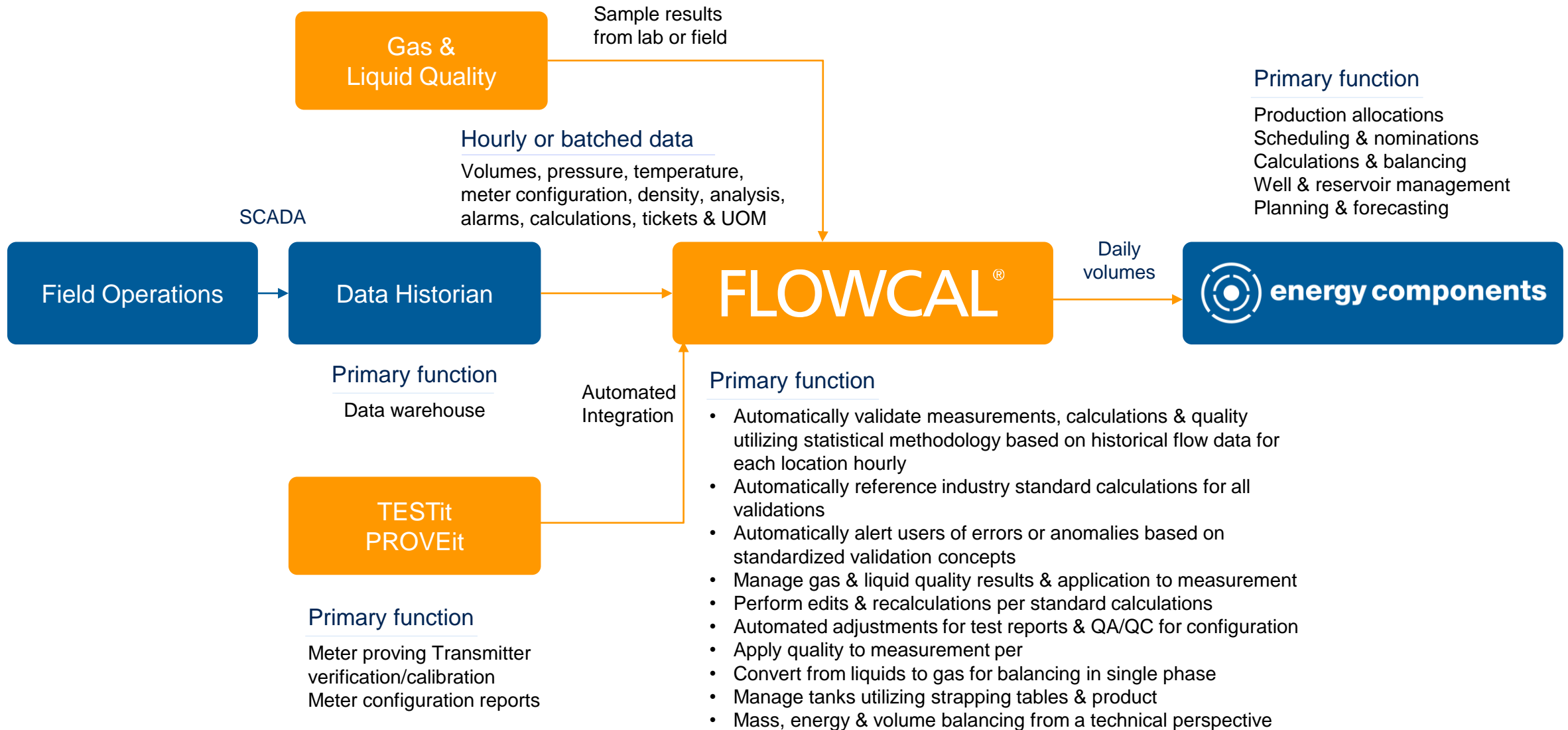


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# Types of Measurement Managed in FLOWCAL

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## Product calculations and specifications supported in FLOWCAL:

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- All grades of crude oil
- Natural gas
- Condensate
- Natural gas liquids
- Energy transition & Net Zero
  - CO<sub>2</sub> – in both gas & supercritical/dense phase to support CCS operations
  - Renewable natural gas (RNG)
  - Methanol, Ethanol & Biodiesel
- Refined products, lubricating oils, light hydrocarbons, aromatics, cyclohexane, Ethylene
- Gas & liquid quality
- Water

## 75+ standard calculations are supported from the following organizations:

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- American Petroleum Institute (API)
  - Quorum Software/FLOWCAL has partnered with the API to create & maintain the API 11.1 calculations and to be the sole distributor globally
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- American Gas Association (AGA)
- Gas Processors Association (GPA)
- ASTM International

## Summary

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The results of hydrocarbon measurement drive trillions of dollars of financial transactions globally, every year

The measurements performed are inherently risky and prone to error due to suboptimal conditions, human error and electronic failure

Across the entire energy value chain, operators (producers, midstream operators, pipeline & distribution) need automated tools to ensure measurement is accurate prior to financial transactions

As nations strive to reduce their carbon footprint and meet their Net Zero initiatives, track emissions and capture carbon, measurement requirements will continue to grow



## Mars Climate Orbiter

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